



Sunny Start Social Emotional Training/Technical Assistance Committee Meeting Summary

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| Meeting Date: | Friday, March 5, 2010 – 10:00 am – 12:00 |
| Location: | Riley Outpatient Conference Center Room B |
| Committee Chair: | Angela Tomlin |
| List of Participants: | Kevin Porter, Lynne Sturm, Angela Tomlin, Janet Deahl, Dianna Wallace, Lisa Henley, Heike Minnich, Azar Hadadian, Darlene Logan, Amy Piper, Lisa Paddock, Staff Members: Maureen Greer, Rylin Rodgers, Andrea Wilkes |
| Attachments | |

Summary of meeting:

Update on Sunny Start Projects

Institute for Strengthening Families speaker sponsored by Sunny Start on April 20, 2010 Sarah Martinez (Illinois) Enhancing Your Work With Young Children and Their Families. To register and for more information visit: www.theinstituteforfamilies.org

Community Mental Health Mentorship six sessions being offered in 3 locations. No registrations were received in Columbus, alternative locations will be Evansville. Discussion of what locations could benefit from Mentor Groups; North West was suggested as possible or further North, could we connect with someone in South Bend area. Please share possible mentors who would be willing to serve some parts of the state. We will poll participants at the Institute on interest in this opportunity.

Dr Monroe is leaving Indiana for a position at the Center for Disease Control. Dr. Greg Larkin will be taking over at the Indiana Department of Health.

Steve Viehweg and Andrea Wilkes participated in a webinar on Social Emotional Indicators. This webinar will be available in archived form at: <http://www.nccp.org/projects/events/thrive.html>.

The Sunny Start Evaluation Committee will be finalizing indicators for State of Hoosier Child Report on Thursday March 11, 2010

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) will hold its annual conference on March 6-9th. Kim Minniear, Dr. Judy Ganser, and Mary

Weber from the Department of Health will be going. Rylin Rodgers will be going as Family Scholar. The work on Sunny Start will be featured in several sessions: The Indiana Family Leadership Initiative will be one of three programs sharing the 90-minute workshop titled *The Journey from Families as Consumers to Family Leadership – Cultivating Human Capital to Bring About Systems Change*. Our partners at the Indiana Association of Infant and Toddler Mental Health will be presenting on the capacity building efforts supported by Sunny Start at a 90-minute workshop titled *Building Professional Capacity to Meet Infant Mental Health Needs*.

Certificate Program

Steve Viehweg and Angie Tomlin have been working to develop a graduate level Early Mental Health Certificate. They will meet with faculty at the IUPUI School of Social Work to discuss offering the first course in the Summer of 2011. This program would be at the graduate level and would be open to:

- Social Work
- Nursing
- Psychology

In addition to course work a supervised practicum in a community setting would be required.

Endorsement

Efforts continue to bring an endorsement process to Indiana. An endorsement allows providers to demonstrate their capacity and would be available to a broad range of providers. Endorsements are not credit bound can be "housed" at mental health association. The Michigan process which is currently being used by several states provides a structure for a variety of providers to be endorsed at 4 different levels. A person who has earned a certificate would be eligible for an Endorsement and others document training, experience, and supervision in early childhood mental health in a variety of ways that lead to eligibility for endorsement. Full information about the MI-AIMH endorsement can be found at <http://www.mi-aimh.org>.

Next Steps

Angie, Andrea and Rylin will work on a next draft on the MCH Social emotional Indicator and share it via email with committee members for feedback.

Angie will continue her effort to coordinate with partners for support and funding related to expanding providers in Indiana to serve the emotional health needs of young children and families.

